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PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN SULLIVAN IN LACLEDE GAS COMPANY REQUEST TO PURCHASE FIDELITY NATURAL GAS, INC.

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Sullivan, Missouri, on February 1, 2006**, to receive customer comment in a case where Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc. seeks to sell and transfer certain assets to the Laclede Gas Company.

According to the application, Laclede will, following the sale, operate Fidelity under the rates, regulations and tariffs in effect for Laclede. In addition, the application states the manner of providing natural gas services to customers in Fidelity's service area will remain largely unchanged. The joint application states the proposed sale of assets of Fidelity is not detrimental to the public interest.

The local public hearing schedule appears below:

February 1, 2006
Sullivan
Southwest Area Center
11 North Clark
5:30 pm*

***The PSC Staff will hold an information session and answer questions from the public from 5:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. The local public hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. It will continue until every member of the public has had an opportunity to testify.**

The local public hearing will be held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.